

**Children's Services Commission (CSC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 29, 2004, House Hearing Room 1**  
**State Capitol Building**  
**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Present:**

Rep. Vicky Riback Wilson; Sen. Bill Foster; Kent King, DESE; Charles Jackson, DPS; Sen. Patrick Dougherty; Judge Kelly Moorhouse; Brenda Horstman (for Kelvin Simmons), DED; Colleen White, DOLIR; Dorn Schuffman, DMH; Tricia Schlechte (for Richard Dunn), DHSS; Rep. Otto Bean; Mark Steward, DYS; Bill Heberle, CTF; Deborah Scott (for Steve Roling), DSS; Rep. Danie Moore, Jim Dunn, Sen. Steelman's Office.

Members of the public and CSC subcommittees, including Jennie Bedsworth, CSC staff; Anne Dannerbeck, University of Missouri/CSC staff; Veronica Stovall, Children's Division, Dept. of Social Services; Randy Stalker Sr., public citizen; Pam Rich, Citizen's for Missouri's Children; Sara Hart Weir, CMC; Bill Boies, OA Budget and Planning; Sara Topp, Gamble & Schleimeier; Marsha Shasserre, DSS; Cande Iveson, CMC.

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Welcome and Introductions

- Members and guests present introduced themselves.
- Rep. Otto Bean was introduced as a new member of the Commission. He expressed his interest in the Commission's work, noting that "children are our future."

Approval of Minutes

- The February meeting minutes were approved.

Financial Reports

- Kent King, CSC treasurer. No expenditures were recorded last month; however, over \$8,000 of remaining funds are committed to the contract with the University of Missouri. The remaining balance will be less than \$2,000. He provided a memo to the Commission that read:

"Representative Danie Moore, Mr. Mark Steward, and I met to discuss the Fiscal Year 2005 budget request. After some discussion and in consideration of the uncertain nature of future activities of the Children's Services Commission, we recommend that we move forward with the \$10,000 appropriation authority that is included in the FY05 budget currently under review by the House Budget Committee. If approved, the FY05 budget would authorize expenditures of up to \$10,000; however, there would be only a few hundred dollars remaining in that

fund. Therefore, if we have a plan that requires additional expenditures, we would need to request a supplemental appropriate next year.

We also suggest that the annual reports be posted on line in the future to save printing costs.”

- The finance committee met during the month, and provided a report to members. They suggested that supplemental funds be requested.
- Rep. Vicky Riback Wilson noted that staff support has allowed the Commission to operate more effectively. She suggested future alternatives for staffing be examined.

#### Activity Update

- A resolution approved in February from the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry Board of Directors was presented. The resolution read:

“The Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry has a focus on workforce development. The scope of this effort is not only for adults, but also the entire educational system to ensure students are prepared for the work demands of the future. This should include programs for children as far back as pre-kindergarten, when 90% of brain development is formed.

Therefore, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry established a new sub-committee reporting to the Education Committee titled, “Early Education Development.” The committee is being formed to research successful initiatives in this area, and assist business in developing their proper role in this component of long-term workforce development.”

- Sen. Foster noted that SB1159, the CSC priority dealing with early childhood, would be debated on the senate floor.
- Staff liaison, Jennie Bedsworth, provided an update on the CSC website and suggestions regarding its content. Members decided hotlinks would be limited to state affiliated programs and organizations. Other selected programs may have websites listed, but without the hotlink. Staff was asked to develop a list of appropriate links to be included for review by the Commission.

#### Nominating Committee Report

- Official appointment of new members is pending. The search to fill the judge vacancy continues.
- It was agreed that the chair should be a legislator.
- **ACTION ITEM:** The nominating committee will discuss officer elections. Any members with suggestions for new officers should contact Sen. Foster.

## HB1566

- Sen. Dougherty expressed his objections to HB1566, which he believed would be detrimental to children and families. He recommended that CSC go on record as being in opposition to the bill.
- Discussion revealed that not all legislators on the Commission agreed with Sen. Dougherty. It was recommended that Sen. Dougherty draft a letter to be reviewed by the members regarding the bill.

## Activities Update

A chart was provided by staff that reviewed the official CSC recommendations from the past year, noting the status of each recommendation. Congratulations were offered to the Children's Mental Health Committee for the progress of the mental health legislation for children. Another possible area for specific recommendation might be parenting programs, including successful fathering programs in Missouri.

## Department and Subcommittee Updates

- Early Childhood: The subcommittee will continue its efforts coordinating its work with the DHSS grant project.
- DYS: Mark Steward discussed the situation with youth who have been certified as adults. It was recommended that he draft a letter for the Commission regarding this issue.
- DESE: Kent King noted that a number of school levy votes were upcoming.
- DHSS: Tricia Schlecte reported on the progress of the DHSS Early Childhood Committee.
- CTF: The Children's Trust Fund is in the middle of its grant review process.

## Public Comment

- Anne Dannerbeck noted evidence regarding problems of ethnicity versus race profiling with Latino youth. She noted that ethnicity provides more valuable information, and differs from race for Latinos.
- Jennie Bedsworth, staff liaison requested that any documents provided at CSC be e-mailed to her as an electronic document if possible, at [jlbf2@mizzou.edu](mailto:jlbf2@mizzou.edu)